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TERMS FIRST-QUARTER PLAN FULFILLMENT UNSATISFACTORY

CALLS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION -- Rabotnichesko Delo, No 102, 12 Apr 50

At a meeting of the Economic Committee of the Bulgarian Ministry of Industry held 11 April 1950, Minister Anton Yugov reported that plan fulfillment in the first quarter 1950 had been very unsatisfactory and that, although as a whole it was fulfilled 102.5 percent in terms of value, most of the quotas were not met in terms of quantity. He emphasized the following points:

Some textile enterprises, among them Pamuchni Thani and Vulnena Industriya, have even reduced their production plans for January and February.

Plan fulfillment with regard to assortment and quality has also been very poor, as follows: cotton prints 90 centimeters wide, 35 percent; fustian 90 centimeters wide, 30 percent; and duvetyn 70 centimeters wide, 9.5 percent.

Some enterprises are still bringing out defective products, and the Malchika, Slavcho Trunski, and Slavianka silk mills have produced very low quality goods.

In most cases these shortcomings are caused by the carelessness of the technical management.

The minister stressed that it was essential during the second quarter to exceed the production of the first by the following percentages: industry 125.6, consumers' goods 129.8, ferrous metals 171.8, machines 242.2, coal 112.7, lead and zinc ores 327.8, cotton textiles 131.7, woolen textiles 133.7, etc. For the same period, work productivity in mines must increase by 15.3 percent, and in industry by 9.7 percent, whereas costs must be reduced by 3.47 percent.

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PLAN INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 31, 22 Apr 50

According to the Bulgarian Premier, this year's industrial production will show an increase of 16.3 percent, as compared with 1949. Production of machine tools this year will be 39.5 percent greater than last year.

The Bulgarian budget for 1950 allots 5,772,000,000 leva for improvement of the transportation system, 4,290,000,000 for construction and maintenance of roads and highways, and 1,228,000,000 for the postal and telegraph system. For the expansion of industry 7,025,000,000 leva have been provided.

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